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Professional Continuing Education Credits Calculated Online for Plumbers, Electricians and Real Estate Agents

(HELENA) --- The Department of Labor and Industry's Business Standards Division today announced the launching of a new eGovernment service enabling Montana's plumbers, electricians, real estate agents and property managers to access their professional license credit information online. The Professional Continuing Education service, www.ContinuingEd.mt.gov, allows licensees the ability to monitor state-required continuing education (CE) information quickly and conveniently.

"Prior to activating Professional Continuing Education, it was the responsibility of a licensee to ensure CE requirements had been met," said Labor Commissioner Keith Kelly. "If audited a licensee had to provide documentation that they had obtained the required number of credits. The new eGovernment service eliminates this cumbersome step for all parties involved."

At the conclusion of a course, educators will have 20 days to electronically submit a roster of attendees. Once submitted, a licensee's CE information is updated instantaneously and can be viewed without delay.

A separate state system, called Online License Renewal, will then track the number of credits one obtains throughout the year. When it comes time for a licensee to renew their license, the Online License Renewal, www.LicenseRenewal.mt.gov system

will recognize that the individual has met their CE requirements and allows the licensee to proceed and renew their license.

“The convenience of accessing, viewing and managing continuing education information online saves time and money for all parties involved,” said Kelly.

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Professional Continuing Education is the result of an alliance between state government and the private sector. The system was cooperatively developed and is supported by the Montana Department of Labor and Industry’s Business Standards Division, the Montana Department of Administration’s Information Technology Services Division and Montana Interactive, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of eGovernment provider NIC (NASDAQ: EGOV).